

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING**  
**PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**APRIL 10, 2014**

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The special meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 1:05 p.m. at McCarter & English, LLP, CityPlace I, 185 Asylum Street, 37<sup>th</sup> Floor, Hartford, Connecticut.

**Members Present**

Thomas J. Rechen, Esq., **Chair**  
G. Kenneth Bernhard, Esq. (***Via Conference Call***)  
Honorable Julia DiCocco Dewey  
Monsignor William A. Genuario (***Via Conference Call***)  
Aimee Golbert, LCSW  
Attorney Ramona Mercado-Espinoza  
Honorable Elpedio N. Vitale

**Others Present**

Susan O. Storey, Chief Public Defender  
Brian S. Carlow, Deputy Chief Public Defender  
Stephen A. Hunt, Financial Director  
Dr. John J. Donohue, III (***Via Video Conference from Milan, Italy***)

Chairman Rechen addressed the Commission regarding the agenda of the special meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 1:09 p.m. The reason

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for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-210(b)(10) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 2:14 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the payment of invoice to Dr. John J. Donohue, III for \$1,750,000 for all amounts on the invoice submitted by him in In Re: Racial Disparity. The approval is contingent upon:

APPROVAL OF INVOICE TO  
DR. JOHN J. DONOHUE, III

1. Dr. John J. Donohue, III, executing a release for any further claims in connection with In Re: Racial Disparity;
2. Request being made of Attorney David S. Golub, Silver Golub & Teitell LLP, that he sign a document indemnifying the state, the Public Defender Services Commission and the Division of Public Defender Services for any claim from Dr. John J. Donohue, III beyond the \$1,750,000; and
3. Funding for this payment to be approved by the General Assembly and signed by the Governor.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 2:15 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-210(b)(10) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

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The Commission came out of Executive Session at 2:20 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the schedule of invoices as submitted to the Commission.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to approve the Authorizations to Incur Expenses as submitted to the Commission. The Honorable Julia DiCocco Dewey abstained from the vote in the matter of Russell Peeler vs. Warden.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the special meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Carlow  
Deputy Chief Public Defender